

Program C: Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Program Authorization: R.S. 36:628

Program Description

The mission of the Agricultural and Environmental Science (AES) Program is to ensure that Louisiana farmers receive sound quality ingredients for the production of food and fiber in an environmentally safe manner so that the health, vitality and nourishment of the people of Louisiana are best served.

The goal of this program is to assure that feed, fertilizer, horticultural products, pesticides and seeds meet quality standards. The persons who provide these services must meet or exceed the minimum quality standards set by Louisiana Laws, Rules and Regulations. The programs conduct activities to sample and inspect these materials, enforce material quality requirements and to assist farmers to properly apply them for maximum economy and safety for the people and the environment. The activities of this program are: Administrative, Horticultural & Quarantines, Pesticides, Agricultural Chemistry (Feed & Fertilizer) and Seed Programs. See the attached organizational chart for AES.

1. The Horticulture & Quarantine Division, maintains adequate quarantines and regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of serious crop and fruit pests and diseases endangering Louisiana agriculture; provides the property owner with protection against fraudulent practices; and assures product quality. This is accomplished through licensing and permitting of horticulture related businesses; and inspections, sampling, surveying, monitoring and eradication efforts for plant pests, including boll weevil.
2. The pesticide and environmental programs license and regulate pesticide applicators and pest control companies and govern the registration, distribution, sale, offering for sale, and application of pesticides.
3. To regulate the sale and distribution of animal feed, pet food, fertilizer and agricultural liming materials. To also perform analytical work to carryout the enforcement of these laws and ensure that all of the above mentioned products meet labeled guarantees. To perform pesticide analysis to aid in the enforcement of our pesticide law and also provides analytical support for the LSU Agriculture Center.

The Seed Program includes seed testing and certification. The program regulates the sale, distribution, and in some cases the production of seed and other propagating materials as well as providing the service of seed testing. Activities include licensing and inspection of seed dealers, sampling and testing of seed lots, and inspection and sampling of crops grown for seed production.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$1,972,899	\$2,135,735	\$2,135,735	\$2,679,320	\$2,037,148	(\$98,587)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	970,572	610,904	610,904	610,904	725,472	114,568
Statutory Dedications	22,057,599	47,902,017	50,247,917	47,362,996	47,502,331	(2,745,586)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	419,789	1,354,870	1,354,870	1,354,870	1,354,870	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$25,420,859	\$52,003,526	\$54,349,426	\$52,008,090	\$51,619,821	(\$2,729,605)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$4,288,862	\$4,212,697	\$4,212,697	\$4,323,119	\$4,617,476	\$404,779
Other Compensation	192,918	49,010	49,010	49,010	49,010	0
Related Benefits	885,048	914,914	914,914	766,405	984,739	69,825
Total Operating Expenses	846,386	956,748	956,748	980,906	956,748	0
Professional Services	38,167	163,211	163,211	167,275	163,211	0
Total Other Charges	18,278,877	45,307,260	47,653,160	45,307,260	44,848,637	(2,804,523)
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	890,601	399,686	399,686	414,115	0	(399,686)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$25,420,859	\$52,003,526	\$54,349,426	\$52,008,090	\$51,619,821	(\$2,729,605)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	95	92	92	92	92	0
Unclassified	11	14	14	14	14	0
TOTAL	106	106	106	106	106	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from license fees, inspection fees, permits, fines and examination fees. Statutory Dedications are derived from tonnage fees on feed, assessments on cotton farmers for the eradication of Boll Weevils, fees on branches and contracts of termite control operators, labeling and registration of certain pesticides. (Per R. S. 39:36B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedicated fund.) Federal Funds are received from the Environmental Protection Agency - Enforcement and Certification Programs, Imported Fire Ant Program, and Boll Weevil plant inspection and quarantine for the purchase of ULV Malathion for spraying cotton to control Boll Weevils.

	ACTUAL	ACT 13	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Feed Commission Fund	\$120,609	\$120,609	\$120,609	\$120,609	\$120,609	\$0
Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund	\$0	\$9,600,000	\$9,600,000	\$9,600,000	\$9,600,000	\$0
Pesticide Fund	\$3,315,645	\$3,351,981	\$3,351,981	\$2,812,668	\$2,970,225	(\$381,756)
Structural Pest Control Commission Fund	\$541,550	\$577,834	\$577,834	\$578,126	\$559,904	(\$17,930)
Boll Weevil Eradication Fund	\$16,845,878	\$34,251,593	\$34,251,593	\$34,251,593	\$34,251,593	\$0
Formosan Termite Initiative Fund	\$1,233,917	\$0	\$2,345,900	\$0	\$0	(\$2,345,900)

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$2,135,735	\$52,003,526	106	ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$2,345,900	0	Funding for the Formosan Termite Project
\$2,135,735	\$54,349,426	106	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002
\$66,338	\$66,338	0	Annualization of FY 2002-2003 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	(\$399,686)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$520,044	\$520,044	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$111,778)	(\$111,778)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$458,623)	(\$458,623)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
\$0	(\$2,345,900)	0	Other Adjustments - Funding for the Formosan Termite Project funded in 2002-2003
\$2,151,716	\$51,619,821	106	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$2,151,716	\$51,619,821	106	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$2,151,716	\$51,619,821	106	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$163,211 Legal Services (Gelpi)

\$163,211 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$25,000	Ground Water Information awareness project (in the area of Pesticide use in the state)
\$15,000	Cooperative Extension services for training
\$45,000	Veterinarian Services
\$44,010,285	Boll Weevil Project, including \$8.0M for Debt Service for the Boll Weevil Eradication Project
\$640,960	To be determined - Pesticide Miscellaneous charges

\$44,736,245 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$68,055	Office of Telecommunications Management Fees
\$44,337	State wide fees, Civil Service, Treasury, and CPTP

\$112,392 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$44,848,637 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have any funding recommended for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.